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SUBJECT: GON'S VIEWS ON NATO'S RESPONSIVENESS TO THE  
MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

REF: THE HAGUE 4637  
FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO FROM DAVIES  
1. THE FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED REPLY TO THE HAGUE'S 4637.  
IF YOU CONCUR, PLEASE SEND TO THE HAGUE AND INFO TO THE  
DEPARTMENT.

QUOTE:

2. WE AGREE THAT IT WILL BE USEFUL TO KEEP GON GENERALLY  
INFORMED OF OUR EVOLVING POLICY THINKING SO AS TO  
ENSURE COOPERATION WITHIN THE RANKS OF THE ALLIANCE.  
ACCORDINGLY, YOU MAY DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS IN  
GIVING FONMIN AN ORAL BRIEFING.

A. WE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF GON'S OFFER TO BE HELPFUL  
WITHIN THE ALLIANCE.

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B. OUR OBJECTIVE HAS BEEN, AND REMAINS, THE ENDING

OF THE WAR IN CONDITIONS CONDUCIVE TO NEGOTIATIONS FOR A PEACE SETTLEMENT. MERE CEASEFIRE AND CONTINUED STAND-OFF WOULD CONTINUE EXPLOSIVE POTENTIAL NEAR EAST INTO

YEARS AHEAD.

C. SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING ON OCTOBER 6, WE HAVE MAINTAINED CONSTANT COMMUNICATION WITH THE ARABS AND ISRAEL AND VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION IN AN EFFORT TO FIND THE BASIS FOR A CEASEFIRE. WE HAVE BRIEFED ALLIES ON EAST-WEST ASPECTS OF SOVIET INVOLVEMENT. AT THE OUTSET, WE REQUESTED SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING IN BELIEF UN COULD NOT STAND ASIDE IN FACE MAJOR HOSTILITIES IN THIS SENSITIVE ARENA. WE ADVANCED GENERAL PROPOSITIONS AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDING SUGGESTION THAT LEAST DAMAGING OUTCOME WOULD BE A CEASEFIRE WITH BOTH SIDES RETURNING TO THE POSITIONS THEY HELD PRIOR TO OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING. SUBSEQUENTLY, WITH PROLONGATION OF FIGHTING, WE EXPLORED THE POSSIBILITY OF A CEASEFIRE ON OTHER BASES.

D. IN CONTINUATION OF OUR INTENSIVE EFFORTS TO FIND ACCEPTABLE FORMULA FOR CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES, THE SECRETARY HAS TRAVELED TO MOSCOW FOR DIRECT DISCUSSIONS AT SOVIET SUGGESTION.

E. THE MASSIVE SOVIET RESUPPLY EFFORT RAISED MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM AND POSED THREAT OF DESTABILIZING THE MILITARY BALANCE. WE HAD HOPED THAT BY MUTUAL EXAMPLE BOTH WE AND THE SOVIETS COULD BE GOVERNED BY RESTRAINT IN PROVIDING FURTHER ARMS TO TWO SIDES. GIVEN THIS SITUATION, WE HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO BEGIN A RESUPPLY EFFORT IN ORDER TO PRESERVE A BALANCE CONDUCIVE TO NEGOTIATIONS AND TO AVOID SITUATION WHICH WOULD HAVE REWARDED SOVIET ADVENTURISM.

F. WE ARE DEEPLY ENGAGED IN AN EFFORT TO CRYSTALLIZE SECRET

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A CONSENSUS ON HOW TO BRING ABOUT A CEASEFIRE THAT WILL LEAD TO NEGOTIATIONS ON A PEACE SETTLEMENT.

G. AS SITUATION EVOLVES, WE WILL WISH TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH OUR ALLIES TO ENSURE THE ESSENTIAL UNDERSTANDING AND COORDINATION AMONG THOSE WHO ARE DESIROUS OF ACHIEVING AN ENDURING SETTLEMENT. UNQUOTE. RUSH

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